

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for mounting and actuating a fishing rod. The apparatus is secured to a fixed surface such as a dock, boat railing or beach or ice surface, and a fishing rod is fixedly mounted at its handle portion in a conventional fishing position. The apparatus includes a powerful spring which is maintained in a wound and latched position whereby when a fish bites the bait at the end of the line, the resulting tug on the line releases the latch and the unwinding of the spring rapidly rotates the fishing rod upwardly about its handle portion. This rapid upward movement serves to seat the hook into the fish to ensure a successful retrieval and further serves to alert the fisherman of a bite, especially when the rod is unattended.